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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments:

This response addresses the rejection of Claim 1, 3-9, 12-19, 25, 27-30, 32-43, 45, 47-53, 55-62, 64-70, 72-78, and 83-96. Claims 83-96 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. Claims 1-9, 12-19, 25, 27-30, 32-43, 45-53, 55-62, 64-70, 72-78, and 83-96 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being rendered obvious by US Publication 2004/0044976 (Schultz) and an article entitled, "Focus Report: Timing Analysis" (Schulz).

Claims 1, 25, 34, 45, and 83 are amended herein.